

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 43 were pending in the application at the time of the final examination. Claims 1 to 43 stand rejected as obvious.

Applicants have copied the limitations of Claim 7 into Claim 1 and cancelled Claim 7.

Claims 8 and 11 have been amended to correct an antecedent basis informality introduced by the cancellation of Claim 7.

Claims 12, 13, 24, 37, 38, 41 and 42 has been amended to more clearly recite the event types in the MOF.

Applicants have added vetoable event notification to Claim 15. This amendment is supported at least by original Claims 1 and 7.

Applicants have copied the limitations of Claim 32 into Claim 26 and cancelled Claim 32.

Claims 33, 34, and 36 have been amended to correct an antecedent basis informality introduced by the cancellation of Claim 32.

Claim 40 has been amended so that it recites a program storage device for the method of Claim 1.

Claims 14, 20 to 23, 25, 39 and 43 have been canceled:

Claims 1 to 43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,829,770, hereinafter referred to as Hinson.

Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness rejection of Claim 1. The Examiner cited the subscriber filter in Col. 20 and 21 of Hinson in the rejection. However, the subscriber filter determines only whether a particular subscriber receives an event and fails to teach or suggest vetoing an event. In contrast, each listener registered for vetoable event object notification receives the event object. Moreover, if a veto is received, the event is not performed. Accordingly, Hinson fails to suggest or disclose the method of Claim 1. Applicants

request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of Claim 1.

Claims 2 to 6 and 8 to 11 depend from Claim 1 and so distinguish over the combination for at least the same reasons as given above for Claim 1. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of each of Claims 2 to 6 and 8 to 11.

With respect to the obviousness rejection of Claim 12, the Examiner relies upon the rejection of Claims 1 and 6. Applicants respectfully note that the rejection has failed to cite any teaching of performing an event in a MOF where the event is of one of a plurality of event types as recited in Claim 12. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of Claim 12.

With respect to the obviousness rejections of independent Claims 13, 24, 37, 38, 41, and 42, each claim includes at least the limitation as discussed above with respect to Claim 12. Therefore, the above remarks with respect to Claim 12 are applicable for each of these claims and are incorporated herein by reference. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of each of Claims 13, 24, 37, 38, 41, and 42.

With respect to the obviousness rejections of independent Claims 15, 26, and 40 each claim includes at least the limitation as discussed above with respect to Claim 1. Therefore, the above remarks with respect to Claim 1 are applicable for each of these claims and are incorporated herein by reference. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of each of Claims 15, 26, and 40.

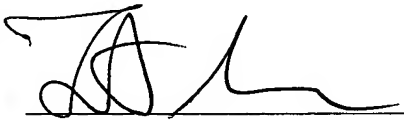
Claims 16 to 20 depended from Claim 15 and so distinguish over the prior art for at least the same reasons as Claim 15. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of each of Claims 16 to 20.

Claims 27 to 31 and 33 to 36 depended from Claim 26 and so distinguish over the prior art for at least the same reasons as Claim 26. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of each of Claims 27 to 31 and 33 to 36.

Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 13, 15 to 19, 24, 26 to 31, 33 to 38, and 40 to 42 remain in the application. Claims 1, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 24, 26, 33, 34, 36 to 38, and 40 to 42 have been amended. Claims 7, 14, 20 to 23, 25, 32, 39, and 43 have been canceled. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

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